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SHORTFALL OF MEDICAL PERSONNEL IN HEALTH SECTOR
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to undertake a survey regarding availability of the facilities of the public health institutions in the country in the background of reported imbalance between the growing chronic & communicable diseases like Malaria, T.B., Cancer, HIV/AIDS etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether according to the study conducted by the Mckensy & Company, there is large scale shortfall of medical personnel in PHCs, Sub-centres etc.;

(d) if so, the salient features of the said study; and

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (e) There is no specific survey being carried out regarding the facilities of the public health institutes in the country as the availability of resources to train qualified public health manpower is already known. McKinsey & company had done a study to identify some of the supply and demand side issues concerning availability of trained public health manpower.

Based on their estimates, Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) has prepared a public-private partnership proposal for setting up Indian Institutes of Public Health (IIPH) for training public health personnel. The Government of India proposes to give a one-time grant of upto Rs.65 crore to the Rs.200 crore PHFI corpus. The rest of the fund is being generated through Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and other high net worth Indian/Foreign philanthropic contributors.